



E-Read Texas: Updates and Q&A

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Texas State Library & Amigos

Texas State Library

- Funding
- Ebook collections
- Contact: Karen McElfresh
- <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks>



TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
AND
ARCHIVES COMMISSION

Amigos Library Services

- SimplyE app
- Technical assistance
- Contact: Christine Peterson
- <https://www.amigos.org/simplye>



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Budget Update (State FY22-23)

- Funding secured through next biennium (Sept. 1, 2021 – Aug. 31, 2023)
- Program will remain free though at least Aug. 31, 2023



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New Content - Fiction



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New Content – Non-Fiction



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E-Books Working Group – New Member Needed!

- Will be adding at least 1 person to the E-Books Working Group
- Group meets as needed, usually a couple times a year
 - Majority of the work occurs June-August
- Working group helps with e-book selection and program and policy decisions
- Contact Karen McElfresh, kmcfresh@tsl.texas.gov if interested



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Promotional Materials from TSLAC

Media kit available: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks>

- Press release
- Letter to governing officials
- Social media post
- Printable bookmarks & flyers
- Instructional materials




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Promotional Materials for SimplyE

Customizable aids:

- “Getting Started”
- Palm Card, Poster
- Social media graphics
- Webinar script
- How to troubleshoot SimplyE
- Videos



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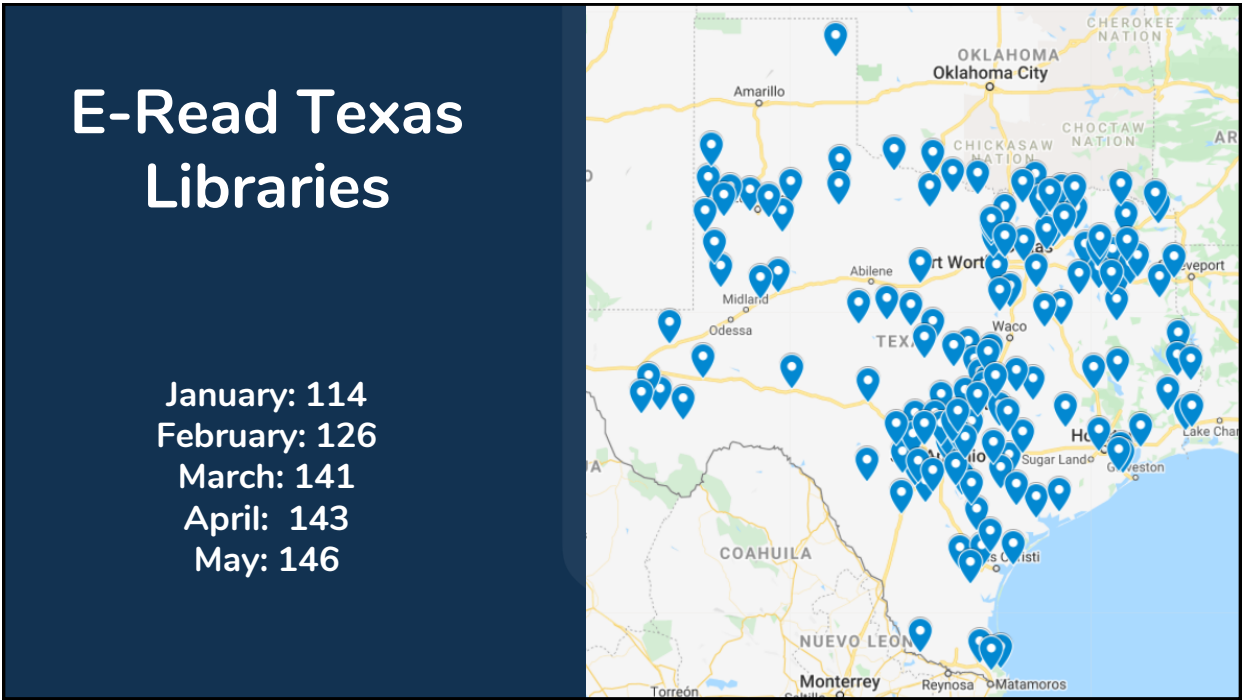
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBG8LQFwSRs>



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Smoother Experience

- Server upgrades
- Android app update

Bugs

- DPLA audiobooks
- Bibliotheca title import

Coming

- Library configuration screen updates
- Radium 2
- Announcements



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Updates General

Patron Support for SimplyE

- Setup: “email for patron support”
- Library is first step for patrons needing help
- Amigos is second step: simplye@amigos.org
 - Both Chris’ watch this inbox
 - Reference interview
 - Need more information from you or patron
- SimplyE community developers is third step



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Email Discussion List

- simplye-users@amigosservices.org
 - Maintenance windows
 - Updated functionality, new content vendors
 - Talk to one another
- One person per library
- **Replies go to the list**

The screenshot shows an email composition window. The 'From' field is set to 'peterson@amigos.org'. The 'To' field is set to 'simplye-users@amigosservices.org'. The 'Cc' field is empty. The 'Subject' field is set to 'SimplyE Update'. A red arrow points from the 'Replies go to the list' text in the list above to the 'To' field in the form. Below the form, the email header is displayed: 'From: Christine Peterson', 'Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 12:32 PM', 'To: simplye-users@amigosservices.org', and 'Subject: SimplyE Update'.

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E-Read Texas Member Spotlight

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Questions?
Concerns?
Issues?
Kudos?

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We'll Start . . .

- What kind of content would you like to see us offer?
- What feedback have you gotten from your patrons?
- How are you promoting the service to your users?
- What types of promotional or instructional materials do you need?

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Next Session

- Another Updates/Q&A session in September – Date TBD
Registration link will be posted here: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks>
- Free SimplyE Classes coming:
 - [App Interface & Searching](#) – August 9
 - [Roles & Configuration](#) – August 12
 - [Modifying Metadata](#) – August 16
 - [Lists & Lanes](#) – August 19
 - [Troubleshooting](#) - August 23
 - [Statistics](#) - August 26

Questions



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